



POLICY: Credit for Online Courses

Of the 22 credits required for graduation, no more than 6 credits may be earned outside of Thornton Academy's traditional course offerings. To be eligible for online courses, a student must be actively working towards graduation requirements.

Students applying for online course approval must:

1. demonstrate an inability to access comparable course work through a traditional Thornton Academy course.
2. either:
 - a. Present an extenuating circumstance that has led to credit deficiency and a need to earn credit via an alternative pathway (it is deemed that a traditional "bricks and mortar" course would create barriers to the student's success), such as online course options, OR
 - b. Demonstrate a desire and ability to access an online course not otherwise available at Thornton Academy (to the student)
3. be informed of any tuition requirements prior to enrollment.
4. be enrolled at Thornton Academy full time.
5. have junior or senior status during enrollment in the course.
6. be willing and able to maintain regular communication with the Thornton Academy Online Course Coordinator.
7. Have reliable access to the Internet either at Thornton Academy or at home.
8. Submit applications to the Senior Director of School Administration two weeks prior to the start of a new semester.
 - Applications received after that date will be maintained in order of receipt and may be considered based on course availability.